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Another Bogus Charge in the Budget Debate

Clinton Has *Never* Sent a Balanced Budget to Congress

This afternoon, in yet another attempt to make political hay out of the ongoing budget impasse, President Clinton went to the White House Briefing Room to deliver another wildly inaccurate charge against the Congress:

"Let me be clear: We must balance the budget. I proposed to Congress a balanced budget, but Congress refused to enact it."

To set the record straight, the President is half right — on October 24, 1995, Congress *did* refuse to enact the Clinton budget, rejecting it by a huge bipartisan vote of 96 to zero (with three Senators not voting).

However, he is flatly wrong in claiming it was a balanced budget, which is why *not even a single Senator would support it*. Attesting to that fact is Senator Byron Dorgan (ND), who stated on the Senate floor, just after the lopsided repudiation of the President's spending plan:

"The President did not propose a budget that calls for a balanced budget." [Congressional Record, 10/24/95, page S 15551]

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